



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

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CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Welcome back from the holiday break. What a gift for a holiday that allows us to step back for a moment to recognize all the good around us that gets muddled by the chaos of our daily lives. Hooray for a very successful Book Fair and Ice Cream Social. I'm not sure who had more fun- me or my kids- they were the ones dragging me out at the end of the night! Thank you to the team of energetic 5th graders and their parents who scooped and poured and to the entire library committee for toiling together for a lovely night. Also, we'd like to extend a huge thank you to Susan Fagerstrom, our treasurer, for accomplishing the huge task of filing the tax forms necessary for the LSPA to maintain our non-profit status. We are on the hunt for a tax person to help with this once a year filing. PLEASE if you have any expertise in accounting or tax and could take on this annual job contact us. Susan is an excellent source to get you trained for next fall. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

**Thurs., Dec. 3rd 7 p.m. Tree Lighting on
Winchester Common**
**Friday, Dec 4th 4th and 5th Grade
Mentor forms due**
Thursday, Dec 10th Early Release
Dec 24-Jan 3rd Holiday Break No School

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR NEWS

Thank you to all our wonderful library volunteers for staffing the library last week for Book Fair. Thanks to your generous gift of time, we were able to keep the library open all week and two evenings for book sales. A special thank you also to all Lincoln families who came out to support both the library and the 5th graders with their purchases of books and ice cream! Jen Trevett and Anita Colasante, Book Fair Co-Chairs

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We need your help! We still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Any

amount helps and *every* amount is appreciated! As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's *only* fundraising campaign. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers, and activities. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school *or* you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspsa.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

LINCOLN SCHOOL MENTOR PROGRAM FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

The 2009/2010 Lincoln School Mentor Program is underway! Program brochures and student proposal forms were sent home the week of November 16th and are attached to this e-mail. As a reminder, this is a program that enables participating students to pursue a special interest on an extracurricular basis by working with a mentor or expert from the local community. Students choose a topic and work in small groups with mentors over a period of 6 weeks to plan and develop a project related

to their area of interest. The culmination of the program is a Sharing and Recognition Evening where members of the Lincoln community have the opportunity to view the completed student projects and/or presentations. This year, the Sharing and Recognition event will take place on April 29, 2010. In addition to a wide variety of topics offered in the past, this year we are excited to include a mentorship on the study of insects! Parents, please consider volunteering to be a parent coordinator for your child's group. Parent coordinators serve as the bridge between students and mentors, ensuring that meetings are scheduled and that the group is on the right track. We need your help to make this worthwhile program work! Student Proposal forms are due back on Friday, December 4th. Completed forms can be returned to the mentor Program box on the LSPA table outside the library. Thank You! Tobey Kelly tobey.kelly@comcast.net

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MICHAEL FOWLIN PERFORMANCE

Recently, the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students were able to see the Michael Fowlin performance, **EVEN SMALL CRAYONS CAN LEAVE BRIGHT MARKS** at the McCall School. Dr. Fowlin with musical assistance of Tania Alexander spoke about the various faces of bullying, questions elementary children have about growing up, and dealing with loss. He was inspiring, funny and thought provoking. The fifth graders got a chance to ask insightful questions after the performance. We are encouraging parents to continue the dialogue with their children. Take time and ask a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader about the bumble bee theory.... (Hint: we learned that bumble bees shouldn't be able to fly since their wings are too small to support their large bodies yet they fly... They do not flap their wings but instead their wings spin like on a helicopter)

Dr. Fowlin also conducted a wonderful evening show for parents. Over 300

Winchester parents attended this inspiring event. Dr. Fowlin quoted lines from the book REALLY IMPORTANT STUFF MY KIDS HAVE TAUGHT ME. Here are a couple of these quotes that to encourage the adults in the lives of our children to appreciate the simple things and use them as teachable moments. Sometimes you have to take the test before you finished studying...Whether your in or out, you usually want to be the other...Usually you learn your lesson, but you don't always remember it...And finally Even small crayons can leave bright marks. Elizabeth Silva, Director Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community, 71 Mt. Vernon Street Winchester, MA 01890



Get your holiday shopping finished quickly and earn CASH for Lincoln School with each and every purchase! Avoid the hustle and bustle this year and have your holiday gifts delivered right to your door. First, [register online](http://www.boxtops4education.com) through the website www.boxtops4education.com and designate Lincoln School. Second, start your online shopping at the [Box Tops for Education Marketplace](http://www.BoxTopsforEducationMarketplace.com) and Box Tops will credit your purchases to Lincoln school. Once you click on the link to one of your favorite online stores - you'll be automatically sent to that store's web site. Shop as you normally would and a portion of your qualifying purchase is donated to Lincoln school. You'll save time, save money, and earn cash for Lincoln School. Over 60 popular online stores have teamed up with Box Tops. Below is just a sampling of participating stores:

**Old Navy Gap GapKids
Home Depot Walmart Pottery Barn
Apple Overstock.com Barnes & Noble
Etoys K-B Toys Kohl's Staples
Target Lands' End Sear's
Best Buy Eddie Bauer Nordstrom
Shutterfly**

MISSION OF DEEDS DONATIONS

The 5th grade GURO committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thanks-Give-Away at the High School. A very special thank you to all of the 1000+ piece puzzle counters! We are continually impressed with the efforts of our 5th graders. The Connect and Commit students from the High School, Cradles to Crayons, and Horizons for Homeless Children are very appreciative as well. Our Mission of Deeds Drive is coming up November 30th - December 4th. We will be collecting twin bedding (sheet sets, comforters, blankets),

pots and pans and towels. Please drop off any items in the corridor by the art room.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENT TO PARENT

Parent to Parent will be hosting its annual "Evening With the Superintendent" on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 to 9pm at Winchester High School. Please join us for a "state of our schools" report and open dialogue with Superintendent William McDuff. Topics may include the school budget, curriculum, new programs, school building maintenance, sports and fields, and more. To submit your questions ahead of time to the superintendent, please send them to info@parenttoparentwinchester.org.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

On November 30th, stores and businesses will be open until midnight in downtown Winchester. Hammond Real Estate, 552 Main Street, has invited three local organizations to have tables that night. Stop in and visit the Multicultural Network, along with the Family Action Network and the Friends of Art. We will be celebrating Winchester's newly-adopted Human Rights Statement and inviting everyone to shine a light on human rights. A small surprise will be given to early visitors to our table. December 10th is United Nations Human Rights Day, an occasion for people worldwide to know and consider the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to reflect about the meaning, importance, and need for human rights. Come to Hammond Real Estate on November 30th and mark Human Rights Day in your household on December 10th!

MURACO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAIR

Muraco Elementary School Parents Association invites everyone to a Holiday Fair and Bake Sale Saturday, December 5th, 2009 from 10am-3pm, in the Francis J. Muraco School Gym, 33 Bates Road, Winchester. The event will feature multiple crafters and artisans, displaying custom jewelry, handcrafted items, hand-painted furniture, holiday items and gift ideas, a Bake Sale table and Lunch Cafe. A raffle of generously donated items is also featured. Questions: contact Dee McCurry at 781-756-0133. Admission is free and open to the Public, with all proceeds to help support student programs and activities.

WINCHESTER SOCCER CLUB WINTER TRAINING SESSIONS

Registration Now Open! SachemsFC Academy Session: Boys and girls U6-U10: 14 Saturdays, begins January 2nd. For more information visit www.sachemsfc.com/sachemsfcacademy.html SachemsFC Schools Session - Advanced Striker/GoalKeeper: with NEW Goal Keeper Trainer: Joci Rosa. Boys and girls U10-U18: 13 Thursdays, begins January 7th. For more information visit www.sachemsfc.com/sfcschools.html

COOL SCIENCE CLUB

Registration is now open for the winter session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club - an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science, technology and math. This five-week session is scheduled to include: For grades K-2: Discovery Science, Kitchen Chemistry; Grades 1-2: Explore Stars and Planets in STARLAB. For grades 3-6: Be an Energy Star, LEGO Robotics, Build a Better Mousetrap, and Ocean Commotion! For Grades 3-5: Math Magic. The Club will be held on Wednesdays (1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3) from 3:30 to 5:00p.m. at McCall Middle School. Get your registration form today from paulagiancola@comcast.net. The fee per Club participant is \$95. Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins, Science Coordinator, McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director: 781-729-7157, LHiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us.

WANTED: SINGERS, DANCERS, ENTERTAINERS FOR 89TH ANNUAL WINTON CABARET SHOW

Auditions will be held on Mon., Dec. 7th and Tues., Dec. 8th beginning at 7 p.m. at the Winchester Town Hall Auditorium, 71 Mt. Vernon St. The show runs from January 26-30, and all levels of talent are welcome! For more information please visit <http://cabaret.wintonclub.org>.

FANSPLASH UPDATES

We have raised over \$57,000 for the Borggaard Beach Splash Park! Only \$164,000 more to go, and if we raise this over the next three months, we can have a splash park THIS June! You can help support our fundraising efforts by designing your own bathhouse tile, ordering a customized FANSplash Gift Bag, or joining us for an exclusive matinee performance of the Dinosaur Musical at Stoneham Theater. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.fansplash.org.

WHS CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF DEEDS

The WHS Symphony and Sinfonietta will be joined by the Ambrose School 5th Grade Chorus for a concert supporting the Mission of Deeds on Sun., Dec. 13th 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. The program includes highlights from Carmen, as well as selections from Handel and Haydn. The concert is free; however, contributions will be collected at the performance.

WINCHESTER SACHEMS YOUTH LACROSSE

WSYL is now holding registration for the 2010 Season. Registration closes Dec. 15th. Please note: Roster spaces are on a first come, first serve basis. Please complete our simplified registration process on our web site, www.winchesterlax.org. Programs include: U-9 "Learn the Game" Program: For 1st and 2nd grade boys; U-11, U-13 and U-15 Travel Teams. The price of the program this year is \$175.00 (Goalies: \$75.00). Please see our website for further information.

NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE

Winchester Ballet Conservatory proudly presents the Nutcracker on Saturday December 12 at 1pm and 4:30pm at Winchester High School. Please call for tickets 781 721 4808 www.winchesterballetconservatory.com

TOY DRIVE

Please join the 4th Annual **Bridget Brigade Toy Drive** to benefit children hospitalized during the holidays. We will be accepting new, unwrapped gifts in the \$10-\$15 range from Friday November 27, 2009 - Friday December 18, 2009. This year, if you purchase a toy drive item at Catch a Falling Star in Winchester, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Bridget Brigade - every gift will keep giving! Items purchased for the toy drive will be collected at the store. For other toys, you may call to arrange a pick up or feel free to drop off items at either the home of:

John & Dianne Dobbins, 9 Emerson Rd, Winchester, MA 01890, 781-721-1331 or Courtney & Joe Peters, 64 Salisbury St., Winchester, 781-721-5610

Brigade Toy Drive is organized by the Dobbins family to honor the memory of their daughter, Bridget Marie.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS AT SIXSEEDS VIDEO

During this season of joy, but also of "gimme gimme" and "can you get me____?", sometimes it's nice for a family to be reminded of their blessings and

get together to help those who are less fortunate. The Give 5 program the 5th graders have begun this year is a wonderful way for the older children to serve in a variety of ways with their peers. If you're looking for something in that vein to do with children of all ages, SixSeeds Video (600 Main Street) has a Seed Pack-It project going on at the store (SeedPackIt@SixSeeds.org or 781-721-1422). Families, groups and individuals can come to the store, pack a backpack full of school supplies and basic care items (notebooks, crayons, pencils, blanket, toothbrush and much more), write a letter and ship the pack to children living in a squatter community in Mexico - all for only \$25 (you also have the option of taking the supplies home and doing the packing there). The Kingston family (Christopher - Grade 5, William - Grade 1 at Lincoln School along with their parents and two high school aged sisters) has visited these kids living on the hillsides of Tijuana for the last four years and know they could use the help of our wonderful community!

SIXSEEDS LAUNCHES A NEW WEBSITE - SixSeeds.tv

The Kingston Family who founded the organization SixSeeds, has just launched a brand new website to help busy parents navigate this increasingly intricate world of popular culture. "In today's world, we're constantly surrounded by stories.

SixSeeds.tv is an entertaining prism for parents who are plugged in and looking for the good in movies, television, sports, books, music, gaming, civic affairs, and fun family service opportunities." Please see www.SixSeeds.tv for more!!

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